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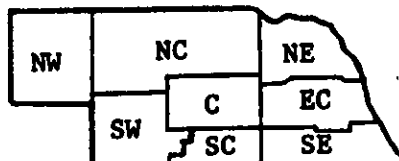
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WEATHER

The week was warm but ended on the cool side. Scattered showers occurred at the beginning and end of the week. Rainfall amounts ranged from traces up to an inch. Average temperatures ranged from two to ten degrees above normal.

GENERAL

Additional rainfall throughout the week helped to relieve the soil moisture deficit Statewide. Between rains, most producers were able to continue with seeding small grains and alfalfa while row crop seedbed preparation was also active. Spring calving continued to progress with most areas well into the last quarter of calving. Other activities for the week consisted of: machinery and fence repair, shredding and disking corn stalks, and general livestock care. Days suitable for fieldwork averaged 4.0.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 23% short, 74% adequate and 3% surplus. Subsoil moisture condition rated 23% short and 77% adequate. Last year, topsoil moisture was 2% short, 63% adequate and 35% surplus. Subsoil moisture was 2% short, 67% adequate and 31% surplus.

CROPS

Winter wheat rated 42% fair, 54% good and 4% excellent. No major disease or insect problems reported as of yet. Rainfall last week will aid wheat crop development.

Corn planting was underway with 1% of the crop planted, ahead of both last year and the five-year average. Planting was mainly confined to fields in the south-east.

Oat seeding was active and progressed rapidly to 50% complete compared to 38% last year and 32% for the five-year average. Seeding was most advanced in the East, Southeast and South Central areas of the State.

Sugar beet and alfalfa seeding were also underway.

LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies rated 12% short, 85% adequate and 3% surplus. Limited growth had occurred in the cool season grasses but the week's moisture should improve growth. Calving and lambing continued and were winding down in most areas.

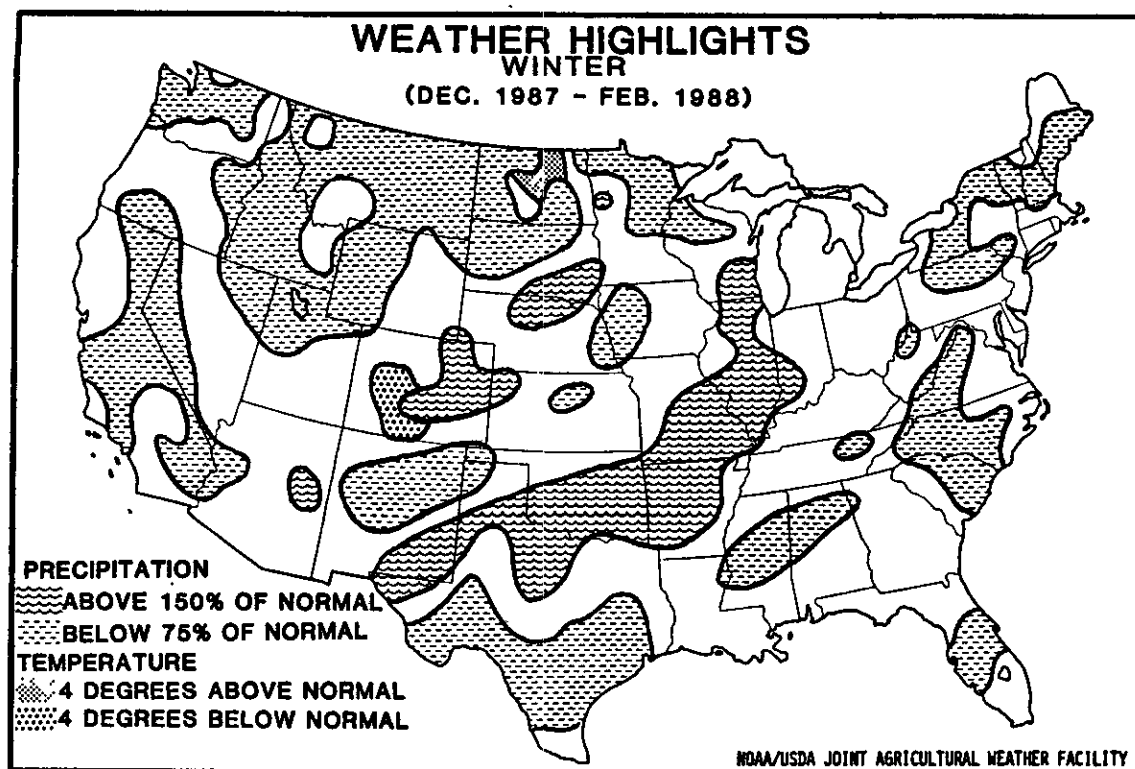
Precipitation, April 1 - April 8, 1988

	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total past week01	1.19	1.02	1.41	.70	1.11	.82	.98
Total since April 101	1.20	1.02	1.41	.86	1.18	.83	1.32
Normal since April 140	.56	.64	.63	.72	.45	.56	.72

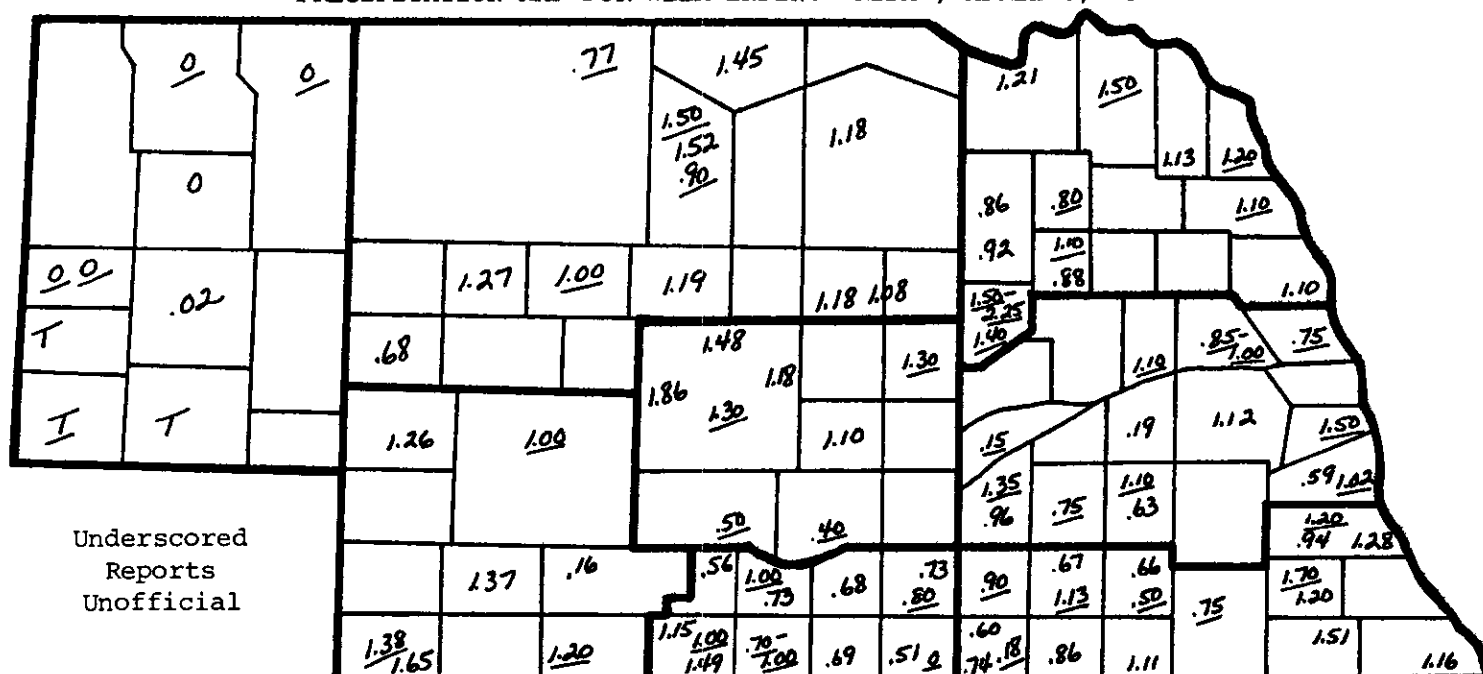
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PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1988



TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1988

Station		Temperature				Precipitation
		Extremes		Mean	Departure	Total Inches 1/
		Max	Min			
NW	Chadron	86	15	47	--	0
	Scottsbluff	84	13	45	+2	.01
	Sidney	84	19	47	--	T
NC	Ord	--	--	--	--	--
	Valentine	87	19	50	+8	.07
NE	Norfolk	88	26	54	+9	.43
	Sioux City	88	29	54	+8	.52
CEN	Grand Island	86	24	55	+9	.32
EC	Lincoln	87	32	55	+8	.48
	Omaha	84	33	56	+10	.30
SW	Imperial	85	23	50	--	.02
	North Platte	88	21	51	+7	.03

1/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.